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M/047/0089

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**Re: TMC Capital**

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Tue, Oct 27, 2015 at 9:33 AM

To: Paul Baker &lt;paulbaker@utah.gov&gt;, rob.dubuc@westernresources.org, Emily Berry &lt;emilyberry@utah.gov&gt;

Hi Rob,

Paul forwarded your questions to me regarding the MCW oil sands project.

As you are aware, MCW operates a pilot plant near Maesar, just on the western outskirts of Vernal. MCW (aka TMC Capital) has also transferred the M/47/0089 permit, formerly held by the TME Group to their name and has posted a replacement bond for the existing 22-acre disturbance.

The existing NOI on file for M/47/0089 is the original TME Asphalt Ridge mine plan. TMC Capital will be an different operation all together; along with expanded acreage. As such, the Division has required the company to update the NOI with full public notice process expected.

The company has updated me on their progress with the NOI. As of last week, they indicated that the plan would be coming in about two weeks time. You should be seeing the draft NOI in our public files soon.

To answer your question about the ore processing currently occurring at their pilot plant: As I understand it, MCW is collecting ore from their permit area M/47/0089 and transporting it to their pilot facility, which we do not regulate since it is not a mining operation.

Let me know if there are any other questions you may have.

Best Regards,

April

On Fri, Oct 23, 2015 at 6:55 AM, Paul Baker &lt;paulbaker@utah.gov&gt; wrote:

Could you please answer Rob's question? I think I know the answer--that they're not yet mining or processing at the mine--but I'm not sure.

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From: "Rob Dubuc" &lt;rob.dubuc@westernresources.org&gt;

Date: Oct 22, 2015 12:20 PM

Subject: TMC Capital

To: "Paul Baker" &lt;paulbaker@utah.gov&gt;

Cc:

Paul: Got a question for you regarding TMC Capital and their association with MCW Energy (M0470089). The latest version of the NOI that I can find states: "Processing of the native asphaltic material at the proposed operation involves the mechanical beneficiation of the one-inch minus ore to release the stored bitumen. (see Figure 3) No heat and or chemical treatment of the ore to release the bitumen is proposed." NOI at 24.

I know that MCW has a contract with TME to buy their ore and that the company is processing that ore at a pilot plant at a rate of 250 barrels a day (or at least they say they are). Does MCW have its own mining permit



at a separate location, or are they processing at the TME mine site?

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